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### Agency Information

*(Carefully read the instructions before completing this form)*

#### 1. Agency Information

- a. Agency Name USFS - Sierra National Forest
- b. Organizational Unit Sierra National Forest
- c. Address 1600 Tollhouse Road
- e. City Clovis State CA Zip 93611-0532
- f. Federal Id Number 55-9893236 DUNS Number
- g. Agency fiscal year (beginning month and day) October-01
- h. Agency Type (Please check one)
- ☐ City ☐ County ☒ U.S. Forest Service
- ☐ U.S. Forest Service - Patrol District ☐ U.S. Bureau of Land Management ☐ Other Federal Agency
- ☐ Federally Recognized Native American Tribe ☐ Educational Institution ☐ Nonprofit Organization - 501(c)(3) status only
- ☐ State Agency ☐ District

#### 2. Project Information

- a. Project Name General Application Requirements
- b. Is implementing agency same as Agency (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- c. Implementing Agency Name
- d. Amount of Funds Requested Project Cost

#### Project Request(s) Summary

#	Project Type	Project Title	Grant Request	Match	Total Project Cost
1	G08-02-17-G01	Ground Operations OHV/OSV High Sierra RD	72,000	72,000	144,000
2	G08-02-17-P01	Planning Bass Lake RD	25,000	12,000	37,000
3	G08-02-17-S01	Education & Safety OHV/OSV High Sierra RD	17,000	17,000	34,000
4		TOTAL	114,000	101,000	215,000

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### 3. Contact

#### a. Authorized Representative

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Title	Forest Supervisor					
Mailing Address	1600 Tollhouse Road					
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#### b. Project Administrator

Name	Mike Robinson					
Title	Recreation Supervisor					
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City	Prather	State	CA	Zip	93651	
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**A. Location Map**

Attachments:

[SIERRA NF LOCATION MAP](#)

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**A. Equipment Inventory**

Has your agency purchased any Equipment with OHV Trust Funds within the last five (5) ☐ Yes ☒ No  
years? (Please select Yes or No)

#	Item Description	Make	Model	Model Year	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or Serial Number	Project Agreement Number

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**PART 1 - ITEM 1. DETERMINE THE NEED FOR FULL FULL HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (HMP)**

**All Applicants submitting Projects involving Ground Disturbing Activities are subject to HMP requirements. The HMP must cover the combined Project Area of all proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities.**

**Applicants able to certify that none of the proposed activities listed in the Application in areas open to legal OHV Recreation contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats shall submit only HMP Part 1. Applicants who cannot certify that the proposed activities listed in the Application in areas open to legal OHV Recreation do not contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats shall submit HMP Parts 1 and 2.**

1. Do any of your proposed projects involve Ground Disturbing Activities? (Please select ☐ Yes ☒ No Yes or No)
2. Can the Applicant certify that none of the proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities in areas open to legal OHV Recreation contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats? (If you checked 'Yes', you are done with HMP) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☐ No

**PART 2 - RISK ANALYSIS, MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND REPORTING**

**PART 2 - Section I. Summary of HMP Changes**

Has the Applicant previously submitted a HMP Part 2 that is currently in use in the proposed Project Area? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Table 1 - Summary of HMP Changes**

Changes from Previous Year	Section Where Change Occurs

**PART 2 - Section II - Special Status Species**

**Table 2 - Table of All Special-Status Species and Any Other Species of Local Concern That Were Considered for Inclusion in the HMP**

Species	Listing Status	Habitat	Potential for Occurrence	Addressed by HMP? If not explain why?

**PART 2 - Section III - Map(s) of Project Area**

**PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat**

**PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat - Table 3**

**Table 3 - Data (Including Baseline Data) and Management Program for Species and/or Sensitive Habitats**

Species/Habitat	Known Information	Methodology	Concerns / Risks / Uncertainties	Management Objective(s)	Management Action(s)	Success Criteria

**PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat - Table 4**

**Table 4: Summary of HMP Monitoring Program**

Species/Habitat	Change Detection Methodology	Effectiveness Monitoring Methodology, Including Triggers	Identify Any Applicable Validation Monitoring (Focused Studies)

**PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat - Table 5**

**Table 5. Management Review and Response; Adaptive Management**

Monitoring Methodology	How Monitoring Information Will Inform Management	How Data Will Be Analyzed	Management Response to Identified Triggers	Who Will Plan Management Response

**PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results**

**PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results - Table 6**

**Table 6: Previous Year's Monitoring Results**

Monitoring Accomplishments	Results	Were Objectives and Success Criteria Achieved?

**PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results - Table 7**

**Table 7: Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results**

Management Actions	Species/ Habitat	Date Completed or Planned - mm/dd/yyyy	Changes Needed to HMP

**PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results - Table 8**

**Table 8 Management Actions Taken in Response to HMP-related Public Concerns**

Concern Raised by Public	Actions Taken to Address the Concern

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**A. Soil Conservation**

- a. Do any of your proposed projects involve Ground Disturbing Activities? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

**B. Soil Conservation Plan**



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**A. Public Notification Efforts**

Check all that apply: (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Notice to interested Parties/Groups (Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format) [02/25/2009]
- ☒ Published on Applicant's Website (Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format) [02/25/2009]
- ☐ Published in Newspaper
- ☐ News Release Issued
- ☐ Public Meeting(s) Hearing(s) Held

**B. Public Comments**

The Forest received comments from Don Amador, Western Representative for the BlueRibbon Coalition, a national trail group. The letter offers support for the Forest's Gound Operations, Education/Safety and Planning grants.

The Forest received comments from Narvell Conner, Central California Quad Riders. The letter stated that the Forest did not request funds for trail and trailhead maintenance. A reply letter to Mr. Narvell is being prepared to address his concerns. The Forest did request funds for this in the ground operation grant.

The Forest received comments from Steve Cowdrey. The letter stated he supports all of the grants except the planning grant. Mr. Cowdrey recommends removing the restoration segment of the planning grant and expanding the planning to both District's on the Forest. At this time the High Sierra District has no planning needs.

**C. Application Development as a result of Public Comments**

- a. Were changes mades to the Application as a result of public comments? (Please select ☐ Yes ☒ No Yes or No)
- b. Describe how public comments affected the Application

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## 1. Applicant Certifications

### A. General Conditions

- A. The Applicant hereby certifies, under the penalty of perjury, compliance with the following ☒ terms and conditions:
1. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees to monitor the condition of soils and wildlife in the Project Area each year in order to determine whether the soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to Public Resource Code (PRC), Section 5090.35 and the HMP prepared pursuant to Section 5090.53(a) are being met.
  2. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees that, whenever the soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to PRC Section 5090.35 is not being met in any portion of a Project Area, the recipient shall close temporarily that noncompliant portion, to repair and prevent accelerated erosion, until the same soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to PRC Section 5090.35 is met.
  3. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees that, whenever the HMP prepared pursuant to PRC Section 5090.53(a) is not being met in any portion of a Project Area, the recipient shall close temporarily that noncompliant portion until the same HMP prepared pursuant to PRC Section 5090.53(a) is met.
  4. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of off-highway motor vehicles and the other provisions of Division 16.5 (commencing with Section 38000) of the Vehicle Code and to enforce the other applicable laws regarding the operation of off-highway motor vehicles.
  5. The Applicant agrees to cooperate with appropriate law enforcement entities to provide proper law enforcement at and around the Facility.
  6. The Applicant's Project is in accordance with local or federal plans and the strategic plan for OHV Recreation prepared by the OHMVR Division.

### B. Programmatic Conditions

#### B. The Applicant must describe the following programmatic conditions:

1. Identify the potential for the facility to reduce illegal and unauthorized OHV Recreation activities in the surrounding areas:  

With the cooperative efforts of the Forest Service, Sheriff's Department, volunteer four wheel drive patrols, motorcycle clubs, Sierra Snowmobile and Pineridge Nordic Ski Patrols monitoring of the users can be adequately managed. All routes and trails are patrolled with an emphasis on sensitive, closed areas and wilderness boundaries.
2. Describe how the Applicant is meeting the operations and maintenance needs of any existing OHV Recreation Facility under its jurisdiction:  

The Sierra National Forest formed a partnership with the State OHMVR Division In 1985 to provide a quality OHV/OSV program on the Forest. With the assistance of State grant funds the Forest maintains the trails and trailheads.

### C. Fee Collection

Describe how fees collected pursuant to Section 38230 of the Vehicle Code (in-lieu funds) are utilized and whether the fees complement the Applicant's proposed Project:

### D. Compliance with PRC 5090.50(b)(1)(C)

Projects within the O&M category that affect lands identified as inventoried roadless areas by the U.S. Forest Service, are compliant with PRC 5090.50(b)(1)(C). (Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

**2. Governing Body Resolution**

**3. Land Manager Authorization**

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## 1. OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary

### 1 OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary

- a. Does the land manager agency provide legal OHV riding opportunity? (Please select ☒ Yes ☐ No Yes or No)

Starting (Month/Year) 10-2007

Ending (Month/Year) 09-2008

- b. Off-Highway Vehicle Opportunity Ratio (OHV Ratio) opportunity

- i. Months of OHV Opportunity (OHV Months) 12

- ii. Total Miles Of Routes Available For OHV Recreation 1841

- iii. Total Acres Of Open Riding Available For OHV Recreation 72800

- iv. OHV Visitation (visitor days) 81031

- v. Ratio of OHV Visitation/OHV Opportunity 1.09

### 1 OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary (2)

- c. Reference Document that support the responses to a. and b. on previous page  
Winter and Summer Daily Logs (Staff and Volunteers) and Traffic Counter Data

- d. Visitor Opportunity Ratio (V/O Ratio) = OHV Ratio x OHV Months / 12 1.09

Visitor Opportunity Ratio (V/O Ratio) Score 1

## 2. Quality of OHV Opportunity

Land Manager's OHV program 10

Check all that apply (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown is available for distribution at no cost (2 points)  
☐ Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown is available on the Land Manager's website (2 points)  
☒ Map indicates relative difficulty of each OHV trail (2 points)  
☒ Map indicates appropriate OHV use type (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV, etc.) (2 points)  
☒ At least fifty percent of the staging areas include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures) (2 points)  
☒ Majority of trail intersections are signed with information such as: trail names, directional signs, relative difficulty, mileage to next feature (2 points)

## 3. Variety of OHV Opportunity

- a. Skill levels (e.g., beginner, intermediate, advanced) indicated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with relative difficulty 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 3 or more skill levels (5 points) ☐ 2 skill levels (3 points)  
☐ 1 skill level (1 point) ☐ Land Manager has no legal OHV riding opportunity (No points)

- b. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV, RUV, Sand Rail/Dune Buggy) 6

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (6 points) ☐ Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (3 points)

☐ Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)

☐ Land Manager has no legal OHV riding opportunity (No points)

#### 4. Agency Contribution

Cost of OHV Program for Land Manager's most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead): 119000

% Funded by OHV Trust Fund (do not include in-lieu funds): 1

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No OHV Trust Funds were used (6 points)

☐ 10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (4 points)

☐ 11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)

☒ 26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)

☐ More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (No points)

Reference Document

Transaction Registers showing Job Codes used for the OHV/OSV program.

#### 5. Project Performance

For Applicant's OHV grant Projects which reached the end of the Project performance period within the last two years, the percentage of all deliverables accomplished 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ 100% of Deliverable accomplished (5 points)

☒ 75% to 99% of Deliverables accomplished (3 points)

☐ Less than 75% of Deliverables accomplished (No points)

☐ First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant projects within the last two years (2 points)

#### 6. Previous Year Performance

In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with the assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit. 0

FOR DIVISION USE ONLY (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with the assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit (3 points)

☐ First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant projects within the last two years (2 points)

☒ In the previous year the Applicant has not been responsive (No points)

#### 7. Prevention of OHV trespass

##### 7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Fence (Page 1)

- a. Is site a completely fenced facility such that OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas is prevented? 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ No (answer items b and c)

☐ Yes (10 points, explain and then skip to item 8)

Explain 'Yes' response:

##### 7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Patrol (Page 2)

- b. The majority of OHV Opportunity areas are patrolled (Check the one most appropriate) 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ At least 5 days per week (5 points)  
☐ At least once per week (3 points)  
☐ At least once per month (1 point)  
☐ Less than once per month (No points)

Explain patrol efforts (e.g., frequency of patrol, patrol personnel, percent of lands covered by patrols)

OHV & OSV Trailheads and trails are patrolled daily by the OHV/OSV staff, Volunteers, LEO's and FPO's. During the course of a season 100% of the area is patrolled. Patrol efforts concentrate of high use areas and to prevent intrusion into sensitive and closed areas.

## 7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Measures (Page 3)

- c. Measures to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas 5

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Barriers and/or signing are used to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas (3 points)  
☒ Education programs, maps and/or brochures provided to the public address OHV trespass, including respect for private property (2 points)

Explain measures utilized to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas

The Forest emphasizes the importance of protecting sensitive and closed areas, private property and designated wildernesses. Signing and barriers are used throughout the Forest to keep vehicles on designated routes and out of closed and sensitive areas. Properly placed signs assist in preventing soil loss along the routes and in the more sensitive creek crossing locations, protecting sensitive plant species and preventing a loss of wildlife habitat.

The Forest primarily uses the "Carsonite" style sign system, and standard Forest Service signs and posters.

Carsonite posts are installed to close an area with barricades reinforcing the closure. The barriers used are rails constructed from cedar poles and large boulders.

## 8. OHV Education

### 8 OHV Education - Page 1

- a. Education materials available onsite 10

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Free literature is provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices (5 points)  
☒ Bulletin boards, signs or kiosks, at the majority of staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers provide information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation (5 points)

- b. Applicant or Land Manager provides formal programs, educational talks, school field trips, etc. to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices: 1

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 50 or more per year (3 points) ☐ 20 to 49 times per year (2 points)  
☒ 5 to 19 times per year (1 point) ☐ Less than 5 times per year (No points)

### 8. OHV Education - Page 2

- c. When Facility is open, staff are available at trailheads, visitor centers and/or entrance stations to provide information on safe and responsible OHV use 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Daily (5 points) ☐ On all weekends (4 points)  
☐ On the majority of weekends (2 points) ☐ On major holidays (1 point)  
☐ None of the above (No points)

- d. ATV Safety Institute and/or Motorcycle Safety Foundation approved training courses are offered 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Weekly (3 points) ☐ Monthly (1 point)  
☒ Less frequently than monthly (No points)

Describe Land Manager's onsite education efforts:

The Sierra National Forest has adopted the Tread Lightly Program for visitor educational materials. Public handouts include user guides, vehicle trash bags, basic message handouts and give aways such as stickers and key rings. These items are available in the field and at our Visitor Information Stations. The "Tread Lightly" message helps to educate the Forest visitors of responsible behavior while recreating on the Forest with OHV's and OSV's. The information also reviews other outdoor ethics such as hiking, equestrian, fishing, hunting and camping. The Forest produces site specific destination brochures on OHV and OSV opportunities, a map of the area and information emphasizing State and Federal regulations.

The OHV/OSV staff attend four wheel and snowmobile club meetings and contact local OHV and OSV dealerships. The staff address OHV/OSV registration expectations, safety concerns, noise emission levels, wilderness and resource protection issues.

## 9. Website

- a. OHV outreach efforts are accomplished through the Land Manager's website 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (skip to question 10) ☒ Yes (provide URL address and answer item b)

Provide URL address [www.fs.fed.us/r5.sierra/recreation/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5.sierra/recreation/)

- b. The Land Manager's website contains the following items 5

(Check all that apply) - Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points. (Please select applicable values)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map to location        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hours of operation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety information       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor facilities     | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information           | <input type="checkbox"/> News releases                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information on responsible riding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map of Facilities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fee schedule                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal restrictions             | <input type="checkbox"/> Link to Division Website      | <input type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement contact information |

## 10. OHV Outreach

Check all forms of OHV outreach the Applicant utilizes: 3

Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 3 points. (Please select applicable values)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Billboards          | <input type="checkbox"/> CDs and/or DVDs          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community meetings  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OHV dealers   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairs                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> News releases |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)                | <input type="checkbox"/> Television               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parades                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Programs at schools |   |

## 11. Natural and Cultural Resources

### 11. Natural and Cultural Resources - Page 1

- a. Is the Land Manager's OHV area a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation?  
0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ No (answer item b)

☐ Yes (5 points, explain and then skip to item 12)

Explain 'Yes' response

## 11. Natural and Cultural Resources - Page 2

- b. Resource Management Information System 5

Does the Land Manager maintain a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:

- Ongoing survey/inventory of species
- Ongoing survey/inventory of archeological sites
- Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations
- Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species;
- Recommendations for improvement in species management
- Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species? (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Reference Document

USDA Forest Service, Region 5 Best Management Practices.

## 12. Soil Management

### 12. Soil Management - Page 1

- a. Land Manager has developed a systematic methodology for evaluating soil conditions of its OHV Opportunities? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response The soil monitoring program monitors soils and impacts, followed by corrective action, ensures that soil resources will be protected, with no significant effect on the environment.

- b. Land Manager has developed methods to address soil issues? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response Protection is afforded by adherence to the Best Management Practices. The BMP's are further described in the Forest Service Region 5 Soil and Water Conservation Handbook (FSH R5 Supp 1).

### 12. Soil Management - Page 2

- c. Land Manager performs soil monitoring 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ Monthly (3 points)

☐ After major rain events (2 points)



☐ Annually (No points)

**13. Sound Level Testing**

The Applicant or Land Manager conducts, or causes to be conducted, sound level testing 2

(Check only one if applicable) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (4 points)
- ☒ At least 25% but less than 50% of holidays and weekends (2 points)
- ☐ Less than 25% of holidays and weekends (No points)

Describe the sound testing program

Sound level testing is performed occasionally during special events or outreach programs. Often County Sheriff Officers attend, along with the OHV staff and Forest law enforcement officers. These programs are held to educate the users on new or developing laws that may affect their OHV experience. Having a large group available or use of a check station to contact users is a opportunity for controlled sound testing.